

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2007
SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on June 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the San Mateo County Transit District Board Room in San Carlos, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chairman
 Donna Andrews
 Rod Diridon, Sr.
 Fran Florez
 Kirk Lindsey
 Lynn Schenk
 TJ Stapleton

Members Absent: Curt Pringle
 David Crane

Opening Comments

Chairman Kopp welcomed the audience to today's meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the May 23, 2007 meeting for approval. Chairman Member Schenk moved to approve the minutes, Member Florez seconded, which carried 6-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Florez moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, Member Diridon seconded, which carried 6-0.

Election of Officers

Member Schenk moved that Chairman Kopp be re-elected as Chairman, Member Diridon seconded, which carried 6-0. Member Diridon moved that Member Florez be elected as Vice Chairman, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 6-0.

Member Reports

Chairman Kopp reported that the 2007-08 budget was the subject at the Joint Conference Committee on the Budget Act, where the Assembly and Senate had passed different amounts for the High-Speed Rail Project. The Senate Budget Committee recommended \$40M and the Assembly recommended \$50M. The

actual figure would be higher due to the Orange County Transportation Authority's contribution of \$3.5M for our joint endeavor in Orange County and approximately \$500K of unspent money from this year's allocation.

Member Diridon presented into the record the Annual State Legislative Program for the Valley Transportation Authority in the South Bay Area which prominently highlights support declaration for HSR. It was given to Executive Director Morshed for inclusion in the HSR documentation.

Member Diridon presented a letter from the City of Gilroy endorsing HSR. It was given to Executive Director Morshed for inclusion in HSR documentation.

Member Diridon presented a letter from Congress Member Eshoo supporting HSR. It was given to Executive Director Morshed for inclusion in HSR documentation.

Member Diridon reported on the Consensus Advocacy Document going forward for approval by APTA board. HSR is given a prominent position equal to all other APTA advocacy elements. APTA was initially opposed to HSR due to funding concerns for public transit. Member Diridon reported HSR is now one of the priorities of APTA's Advocacy Program. Bonds need to be adopted in November of next year.

Chairman Kopp reported HSR engaged Federal Legislative Advocate Mark Kadesh.

Chairman Kopp reported there will be a HSR Delegation consisting of Members Diridon, Schenk, Crane and Chairman Kopp pursuant to advice from Mark Kadesh and Congressman Jim Costa in Washington, DC on July 24-25, 2007.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed reported HSR had been following a number of Bills in the Legislature and only AB 981 by Fiona Ma sponsored by the Authority had made it through the Assembly based on the deadline. The Bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee for June 26, 2007 but was postponed until after the budget passes.

Executive Director Morshed reported that as of July 1, 2007 money would run out until after the budget passes. The contracted consultants will have to hold back work until we know how much money we have to work with. Executive Director Morshed reported that if the Governor's proposed budget prevails, HSR would not have access to any Program Management consultants. HSR would have funds for a limited use of financial consultants.

Executive Director Morshed reported that program level EIR for the Bay Area may be finished by next year.

Executive Director Morshed reported that Mark Kadesh of Congressmen Costa's office was hired as an advocate. Mr. Kadesh is working with the financial consulting team on a report stating that roughly \$10B will be coming from the federal government in the next ten years. The financial consultants are putting together different scenarios as to how to attain the \$10B and HSR will ask our Congressional delegation for their support.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Villaraigosa support HSR. The Mayor's support has received a lot of press coverage. HSR has received a good amount of press coverage through editorials.

Executive Director Morshed reported a Delegation from Japan representing JORSA was present at the meeting. Mr. Morshed stated that they would be meeting with the Japanese Delegation after the Board Meeting adjourned.

Executive Director Morshed recommended that the Board Meeting scheduled for July be cancelled to allow for a period of public comment after the EIR/EIS was issued. Mr. Morshed asked the Board Meeting take place August 23, 2007 in San Francisco which would also be the proposed date for the Public Hearing in San Francisco. Mr. Morshed reported the Board Meeting dates to be September 26th, October 24th, November 28th and no meeting for December.

All Board members agreed to the proposed dates.

Member Schenk recommended that Board Meetings be held in Sacramento henceforth.

Chairman Kopp recommended that any Sacramento Board Meetings take place in Room 112 in the State Capitol.

Program Manager's Report

Tony Daniels reported all the consultants, both Program Management and Regional, are committed to the HSR project. Mr. Daniels stated that all teams were planning to move ahead.

Mr. Daniels submitted an agenda to all board members:

1. Program Management and Controls
2. Public Education and Outreach

3. Engineering and Design Manual
4. Environment Guidance
5. Regional Teams and Studies
6. Visual Stimulation
7. Financial Plans and Staging

Mr. Daniels reported over 500 media stories have been published or broadcast within the past 6 months, most which have been positive. Mr. Daniels reported over 200 meetings have taken place with local government, agencies and stakeholders.

Project Management Oversight

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented an overview of the proposals received for the Program Management Oversight contract and reported she and the Authority staff selected Carter-Burgess as PMO. Deputy Director Pourvahidi reported contract with Carter-Burgess would be \$2M through 2013 per the RFP, which would be subject to availability of funding. Chair Kopp moved to adopt the motion for Executive Director Morshed to enter into contract with Carter-Burgess as PMO, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 6-0.

Public Review Period for Draft Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS

Executive Director Morshed presented the proposed locations and dates for the public hearings during the public review period of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley HST Program EIR/EIS document for Board approval.

Deputy Attorney General Christine Sproul stressed the importance of the public comment and period of public review which was a process which the Federal and State courts recognize as a critical part of the completion of an environmental review.

Chairman Kopp moved to adopt the hearing schedule, which would be subject to modification, Member Diridon seconded, which carried 6-0.

Presentation of Draft Bay Area to Central Valley HSR Program EIR/EIS

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt presented a summary of the findings from the draft program EIR/EIS document.

Public Comment

Mike Brady, Menlo Park

Mr. Brady expressed concerns about HSR from price to ridership. Mr. Brady stated his disapproval of the HSR project.

Robert Allen, Livermore

Mr. Robert Allen suggested modifications to the proposed HSR lines via BART extension. Mr. Allen stated he thought it would be more cost effective.

John Pedroza, Supervisor of Merced County

Mr. Pedroza expressed Merced's willingness to host a public hearing.

Pat Dixon, Redwood Shores

Mrs. Pat Dixon expressed her disdain for both the Pacheco and the Altamont Pass alignments. Mrs. Dixon suggested Dumbarton Bridge as an alternative route.

Kenneth Gosting, Transportation Involves Everyone (TIE)

Mr. Gosting stated "for the sake of education, HSR studies have shown that knowledge of the HSR project and its potential is highest in the Central Valley as compared to the rest of the state."

Kelly Costello, Oakland

Ms. Costello stated the HSR project would help improve citizens and employment for a younger generation and their future.

Tom Grave, Merced

Mr. Grave suggested additional public hearings in the Central Valley. Mr. Grave also requested Public Comment be heard during Agenda Items before a vote is taken. Chairman Kopp noted.

David Shanbrahn, TransDepth

Mr. Shanbrahn requested that the motion passed on Agenda 8 be reconsidered and changed to state specifically that public hearings be scheduled in the Central Valley.

James Helmer, San Jose

Mr. Helmer agreed with the need for public hearings in the Central Valley. Mr. Helmer reported City of San Jose's Mineta International Airport is under \$1.5B improvement program which would improve accessibility for HSR lines.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25